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Excellency,

The Islamic Council is deeply concerned about reports of the horrifying persecution of Burma's Muslim minority community by the state authorities. While the unfortunate Muslim citizens of Burma have been the victims of discrimination and harassment for many, many years, media reports during the last few weeks suggest that their persecution has reached even more intolerable proportions and large numbers are fleeing to neighbouring Bangladesh to save their lives and their honour. They are reported to be arriving in Bangladesh as pathetic destitutes and many of them are falling victim to fatal diseases due to hunger and exhaustion. I am sure you have seen their plight on British television.

I should appreciate it if you would kindly convey our extreme concern to your government.

Yours sincerely,

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